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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 May 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to actions: original application filed 5/23/2002
2. Claims 1-21 are pending. Claims 1 and 12 are independent claims

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 3-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Porter U.S. Patent No. 6,473,892 B1 filed 12/31/1998, in view of Ferrel et al. (herein after Ferrel) U.S. Patent No. 5,860,073 filed 7/17/1995 and in further view of Smith et al. (herein after Smith) U.S. Patent No. 6,052,693 filed 7/2/1996.

In regard to independent claim 1, Porter discloses *an object-oriented system for assembling a document* (Porter Abstract), *the system comprising: a plurality of terms* (Porter Col 5 Lines 21-25 i.e. words); *a plurality of objects* (Porter Col 7 Lines 19-27), *and at least one of said plurality of objects including at least one of said plurality of terms* (Porter Col 5 Lines 21-25 i.e. words); *at least one of said conditions including at least one of said plurality of terms; wherein, then said instruction associated with said condition is executed thereby assembling at least a portion of said document.* (Porter Col 5 Lines 21-25 i.e. words) (Porter Abstract)

Porter does not mention *each of said plurality of objects including an object tag*. However, Ferrel mentions the story objects themselves having formatting tags (Ferrel Col 19

Lines 44-51). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Ferrel to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of including object tags to identify a portion of the content and displaying the content as taught by Ferrel Col 3 Lines 32-38.

Porter does not mention *a plurality of grammar lines, each of said plurality of grammar lines including a condition and an instruction, when the condition of one of said plurality of grammar lines is true*. However, Smith mentions a set of grammar rules and word lists (Smith Col 16 Lines 33-37). Smith also mentions a return of True if certain conditions are met (Smith Col 10 Lines 38-40). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Smith to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of having grammar rules so text that have several words can appear in a single quoted string and can be divided into tokens as taught by Smith Col 19 Lines 12-18.

In regard to dependent claim 3, Porter discloses *wherein at least one of said plurality of objects includes a fixed text portion*. (Porter Col 1 Lines 19-21)

In regard to dependent claim 4, Porter does not mention *wherein at least one of said plurality of objects includes a visual image*. However, Ferrel mentions wherein an object can be an image (Ferrel Col 7 Lines 60-62).). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Ferrel to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of having an object the is an images for the benefit of having several object to choose from rather than text as taught by Ferrel Col 7 Lines 60-62.

In regard to dependent claim 5, Porter does not mention *wherein said at least one instruction includes at least one of said object tags and executing said instruction includes inserting said object associated with said at least one of said object tags into said document..*

However, Ferrel mentions the story objects themselves having formatting tags (Ferrel Col 19 Lines 44-51 and Col 31 Lines 7-11 i.e. styles corresponding to tags and inserted into the control). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply Ferrel to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of including object tags to identify a portion of the content and displaying the content as taught by Ferrel Col 3 Lines 32-38 and to inserting into the control so the system begins recurring up through node to node wherein it determines that more children exist as taught by Ferrel Col 31 Lines 7-21.

In regard to dependent claim 6, Porter does not mention *wherein each of said plurality of grammar lines includes a grammar tag, said instruction includes at least one of said grammar tags and executing said instruction includes testing said condition associated with each of said plurality of grammar lines having said at least one of said grammar tags, and executing said instruction associated with said condition associated with one of said plurality of grammar lines having said at least one of said grammar tags if said condition is true.*

However, Smith mentions a set of grammar rules and word lists (Smith Col 16 Lines 33-37). Smith also mentions a return of True if certain conditions are met (Smith Col 10 Lines 38-40). Smith also mentions a Test condition that is performed (Smith Col 10 Lines 41-43). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply Smith to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of having grammar rules so text that have several words can appear in a single quoted string and can be divided into tokens and tested as taught by Smith Col 19 Lines 12-18.

In regard to dependent claim 7, Porter does not mention *wherein each of said plurality of grammar lines includes a grammar tag and at least two of said plurality of grammar lines have identical grammar tags.* However, Smith mentions a tag research hit that is identical (Smith

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Col 31 Lines 62-67). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Smith to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of identical tags for a different option for research hits for unification as taught by Col 31 Lines 38-67 and Col 32 Lines 1-5.

In regard to dependent claim 8, Porter does not specifically mention *wherein said conditions of said at least two of said plurality of grammar lines are mutually exclusive*. However, Smith mentions mutually exclusive values (Smith Col 14 Lines 63). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Smith to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of having mutually exclusive values important to the data entry step which involves taking a source document and placing it into an electronic document source as taught by Smith Col 14 Lines 48-67.

In regard to dependent claim 9, Porter discloses *said instruction associated with said one of said at least two of said plurality of grammar lines including said default tag is executed*. (Porter Abstract compiled and executed)

Porter does not mention *wherein one of said at least two of said plurality of grammar lines includes a default tag*. However, Ferrel mentions the story objects themselves having formatting tags (Ferrel Col 19 Lines 44-51 and Col 31 Lines 7-11 i.e. styles corresponding to tags and inserted into the control and Col 42 Lines 49 i.e. default). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Ferrel to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of including object tags to identify a portion of the content and displaying the content as taught by Ferrel Col 3 Lines 32-38 and to inserting into the control so the system begins recurring up through node to node wherein it determines that more children exist as taught by Ferrel Col 31 Lines 7-21.

Porter does not mention *said condition of said one of said at least two of said plurality of grammar lines is always true or if said conditions of said remaining of said at least two of said plurality of grammar lines are not true*. However, Smith mentions a set of grammar rules and word lists (Smith Col 16 Lines 33-37). Smith also mentions a return of true or False if certain conditions are met (Smith Col 10 Lines 38-40 and Col 14 Lines 14-15). Smith also mentions a Test condition that is performed (Smith Col 10 Lines 41-43). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Smith to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of having grammar rules so text that have several words can appear in a single quoted string and can be divided into tokens and tested as taught by Smith Col 19 Lines 12-18.

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In regard to dependent claim 10, claim 10 reflects similar subject matter as claimed in claim 5 and is rejected along the same rationale

In regard to dependent claim 11, Porter discloses *assembly of the document begins by executing said instruction* .(Porter Abstract compiled and executed)

Porter does not mention where the portion being executed *is a plurality of grammar lines*. However, Smith mentions a set of grammar rules and word lists (Smith Col 16 Lines 33-37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Smith to Porter, providing

Porter the benefit of having grammar rules so text that have several words can appear in a single quoted string and can be divided into tokens and tested as taught by Smith Col 19 Lines 12-18.

Porter does not mention where the grammar lines *includes a <start> grammar tag*. However, Ferrel mentions a process that begins with a start state (Ferrel Col 16 Lines 30-32). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Ferrel to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of having a start tag or state so that there is a definite beginning the document publishing process as taught by Ferrel Col 16 Lines 30-37.

In regard to dependent claim 12, Porter discloses *wherein the document is assembled when said instruction associated with one of said portion of said plurality of grammar lines is executed*. (Porter Abstract compiled and executed)

Porter does not mention where the portion being executed is a *plurality of grammar lines*. However, Smith mentions a set of grammar rules and word lists (Smith Col 16 Lines 33-37).. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Smith to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of having grammar rules so text that have several words can appear in a single quoted string and can be divided into tokens and tested as taught by Smith Col 19 Lines 12-18.

In regard to independent claim 13, claim 13 in addition to the following reflects similar subject matter as claimed in claim 1 and is rejected along the same rationale

testing said condition of one of said plurality of grammar lines and executing said instruction associated with said condition if said condition is true. (Smith Col 10 Lines 41-43) (Smith Col 10 Lines 41-43). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Smith to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of having grammar rules so text that have

several words can appear in a single quoted string and can be divided into tokens and tested as taught by Smith Col 19 Lines 12-18.

In regard to dependent claim 14, Porter discloses *wherein at least one of said plurality of objects includes a fixed text portion*. (Porter Col 1 Lines 19-21)

Porter does not mention *wherein said at least one instruction includes at least one of said object tags and executing said instruction*.. However, Ferrel mentions the story objects themselves having formatting tags (Ferrel Col 19 Lines 44-51 and Col 31 Lines 7-11 i.e. styles corresponding to tags and inserted into the control). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Ferrel to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of including object tags to identify a portion of the content and displaying the content as taught by Ferrel Col 3 Lines 32-38 and to inserting into the control so the system begins recurring up through node to node wherein it determines that more children exist as taught by Ferrel Col 31 Lines 7-21.

Porter does not mention *inserting into said document said at least one of said plurality of objects including a fixed text portion associated with said at least one of said object tags*. However, Ferrel mentions the story objects themselves having formatting tags (Ferrel Col 19 Lines 44-51 and Col 31 Lines 7-11 i.e. styles corresponding to tags and inserted into the control). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Ferrel to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of including object tags to identify a portion of the content and displaying the content as taught by Ferrel Col 3 Lines 32-38 and to inserting into the control so the system begins recurring up through node to node wherein it determines that more children exist as taught by Ferrel Col 31 Lines 7-21.

In regard to dependent claim 15, Porter discloses, *testing said condition of each of said plurality of grammar lines having said at least one of said grammar tags; and executing said instruction associated with said condition associated with said at least one of said grammar tags if said condition is true.*

Porter does not mention *wherein each of said plurality of grammar lines includes a grammar tag, said instruction includes at least one of said grammar tags..* However, Ferrel mentions the story objects themselves having formatting tags (Ferrel Col 19 Lines 44-51 and Col 31 Lines 7-11 i.e. styles corresponding to tags and inserted into the control). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Ferrel to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of including object tags to identify a portion of the content and displaying the content as taught by Ferrel Col 3 Lines 32-38 and to inserting into the control so the system begins recurring up through node to node wherein it determines that more children exist as taught by Ferrel Col 31 Lines 7-21.

Smith mentions *testing said condition of one of said plurality of grammar lines and executing said instruction associated with said condition if said condition is true* (Smith Col 10 Lines 41-43) (Smith Col 10 Lines 41-43). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Smith to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of having grammar rules so text that have several words can appear in a single quoted string and can be divided into tokens and tested as taught by Smith Col 19 Lines 12-18.

In regard to dependent claim 16, claim 16 reflects similar subject matter as claimed in claim 7 and is rejected along the same rationale

In regard to dependent claim 17, claim 17 reflects similar subject matter as claimed in claim 8 and is rejected along the same rationale

In regard to dependent claim 18, Claim 18 in addition to the following reflects similar subject matter claimed in claim 9 and is rejected along the same rationale.

testing said condition of one of said plurality of grammar lines and executing said instruction associated with said condition if said condition is true (Smith Col 10 Lines 41-43) (Smith Col 10 Lines 41-43). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Smith to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of having grammar rules so text that have several words can appear in a single quoted string and can be divided into tokens and tested as taught by Smith Col 19 Lines 12-18.

Porter does not mention *default tag if said condition of each of said remaining of said at least two of said plurality of grammar lines is not true*. However, Smith mentions a set of grammar rules and word lists (Smith Col 16 Lines 33-37). Smith also mentions a return of true or False if certain conditions are met (Smith Col 10 Lines 38-40 and Col 14 Lines 14-15). Smith also mentions a Test condition that is performed (Smith Col 10 Lines 41-43). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Smith to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of having grammar rules so text that have several words can appear in a single quoted string and can be divided into tokens and tested as taught by Smith Col 19 Lines 12-18.

In regard to dependent claim 19, Porter does not mention where the portion being executed *is a plurality of grammar lines*. However, Smith mentions a set of grammar rules and word lists (Smith Col 16 Lines 33-37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the apply Smith to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of having grammar rules so text that

have several words can appear in a single quoted string and can be divided into tokens and tested as taught by Smith Col 19 Lines 12-18.

Porter does not mention where the grammar lines *includes a <start> grammar tag*. However, Ferrel mentions a process that begins with a start state (Ferrel Col 16 Lines 30-32). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply Ferrel to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of having a start tag or state so that there is a definite beginning the document publishing process as taught by Ferrel Col 16 Lines 30-37.

Porter does not mention grammar lines with a condition of true. However, Smith mentions a set of grammar rules and word lists (Smith Col 16 Lines 33-37). Smith also mentions a return of True if certain conditions are met (Smith Col 10 Lines 38-40). Smith also mentions a Test condition that is performed (Smith Col 10 Lines 41-43). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply Smith to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of having grammar rules so text that have several words can appear in a single quoted string and can be divided into tokens and tested as taught by Smith Col 19 Lines 12-18.

In regard to dependent claim 20, claim 20 reflects similar subject matter as claimed in claim 12 and is rejected along the same rationale

5. Claims 2 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Porter, in view of Ferrel et al. (herein after Ferrel), and in view of Smith et al. (herein after Smith) as applied to claims 1 and 13, and in further view of Atkins U.S. Patent No. 5,875,437 filed 4/15/1997.

In regard to dependent claim 2, Porter does not mention *wherein at least one of said plurality of terms includes an economic term associated with a financial transaction and said document is a confirmation of said transaction..* However, Atkins mentions a word processor function (which uses words and terms) for a financial transaction for a SmartWallet or SmartPurse (Atkins Col 60 Lines 26-43). Also Atkins mentions a financial function to verify and confirm transactions (Atkins Col 60 Lines 13-16). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply Atkins to Porter, providing Porter the benefit of having a word processor application to use economic terms to section functions such as application database functions and financial functions to verify transactions as taught by Atkins Col 60 Lines 12- 17 and 26-43.

In regard to dependent claim 21, claim 21 reflects similar subject matter as claimed in claim 2 and is rejected along the same rationale.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Londra C Burge whose telephone number is 703-305-8784. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am to 5:00pm.

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